

Application No. 10/069,143
Amendment "C" dated January 18, 2006
Reply to Restriction Requirement mailed January 4, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-33, 35 and 37-52 remain pending in the application, wherein claims 16 and 24 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. No claims were added or cancelled by this amendment.

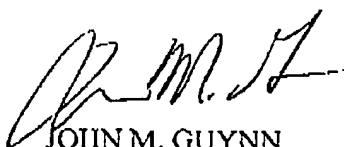
The Restriction Requirement requires an election of a single metal from among the following species that may be used to form the glass composition: Na, K, Li or Al. Applicant elects Na without traverse. The claims that are either generic or specifically read on the elected species are claims 1-7, 9-31, 35 and 37-52. Claims 8, 32 and 33 read on a non-elected species. Applicant requests rejoinder of claims 8, 32 and 33 upon the allowance of a generic claim.

The Restriction Requirement also requires an election of a specific base bioactive glass composition containing P, I' and O, specifically the individual oxide(s) used to produce bioactive glasses within the scope of the claimed invention. Applicant elects P_2O_5 as an oxide used to form the claimed bioactive glasses without traverse (See ¶ [018] of Application). Each of claims 1-33, 35 and 37-52 is either generic or reads on the elected species.

In the event there is any question or issue that may be resolved by contacting the undersigned attorney of record, the Examiner is invited to do so.

Dated this 18th day of January 2006.

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